



WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 17, 1908

It is reported in New York that a drop in meat prices would be made soon. Well, the drop cannot come to soon for prices now are beyond the possibility of many consumers. There is something wrong either in our soaring meat prices or in our statistics of consumption and production. According to government figures the percentage of increase in the number of cattle raised in the country is constantly greater than the percentage of increase in population. The late falling off in the receipts of cattle since the October panic has been more than balanced by decreased consumption. If the statistics are right there should be dropping instead of rising prices. There is much reason to believe that the beef eaters are the victims of the beef trust. The best thing possible to do under the circumstances is to keep on as far as possible eating vegetables and fruit and abstaining from meat until November. In November there will be a chance to get back at the trust by electing a democratic Congress.

DEFINING temperance as "neither abuse nor disease," the United States Brewers' Association ended its Milwaukee meeting last week with a platform of principles designed to correct popular misconceptions of their position. It asserts that the brewers are ready to cooperate in the work of reforming the retail trade of the saloons, to the end that the saloon may become "a place for wholesome recreation and amusement." It repudiates the charge that the brewers are in politics to influence legislation for the protection of the disorderly saloon. It deplores the fact that both the prohibition and the anti-saloon movements aim at "the extermination of our business," and says that when the desire to better the trade takes the place of that aim the brewers will as brothers help and stay out of politics.

IT WILL prove sad news to many to whom figures are tools to know that higher mathematics are to be the main enjoyments of heaven. In his bicentennial sermon at Williston Seminary, East Hampton, Mass., last Sunday, Rev. O. H. Hamlin announced that in future heaven will be populated by up-to-date souls. "The more advanced minds," he said "see in the Eternal City a place of endless pursuit to be joyously employed in attention to the higher mathematics. As figures never lie it is natural that heaven should be their home."

DISTRICT ATTORNEY JEROME, of New York, in his answer to additional charges against him, declared yesterday that throwing dice for \$1 a corner which he admits having done was no more gambling than bridge whist. Nor is it; but it is as much, and both are gambling, all the same.

Virginia News.

Capt. James W. Tigner, aged forty-one, for many years a conductor on the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad, died in Richmond yesterday.

Ernest T. Swann, and Miss Grace B. Cleveland, both of Winchester, were married yesterday at the Presbyterian manse, at Kerns, Wm. Frederick county.

Beginning on Thursday and continuing through Saturday the fifth annual convention of the Virginia Bankers' Association will be held at the Homestead Hotel, Hot Springs.

Virginia will, within the next two weeks, pay to holders of her securities the sum of \$420,000. This is the semi-annual interest charges due on the public debt, and the money is in hand to pay the amounts in full. The checks are to be mailed to the beneficiaries on the afternoon of June 30.

THE ELKS.

The third annual convention of the State Association of Virginia Elks convened in Lynchburg yesterday, with an open session, business being held in the afternoon and night.

The opening session was presided over by L. L. Lutz, and addresses of welcome were delivered by George E. Caskie on behalf of the city, and Fred Harper for the local lodge. President Myer Sals of Petersburg, responded.

Just before the opening session, when Senator John W. Daniel entered the convention hall, he was recognized by a visiting delegate and the convention gave him an ovation.

The next convention will be held at Petersburg. Today the convention goes by special train to visit the Elks' National Home, at Bedford City. The officers elected yesterday afternoon are: President, Edward Northcutt, of Suffolk; first vice president, Col. Miller, of Newport News; second vice president, H. C. Glenn, of Staunton; third vice president, J. A. Chisholm, of Charlottesville; secretary, W. C. Child G. Davis, of Petersburg; treasurer, T. B. Hicks, of Richmond; doorkeeper, A. W. Lucado, of Lynchburg; sergeant-at-arms, J. D. Enright, of Danville; chaplain, J. T. Pace, of Petersburg.

The plant of the Royal Coal Mines of Argentina, near Bahia, Pa., was destroyed by dynamite yesterday. The loss will exceed \$200,000. In addition to the plant the coal pit was wrecked and a large section of the track was up. Wreckage of 46 residences were destroyed. For some time past labor troubles have been experienced at the mines.

From Washington.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

Washington, D. C., June 17.

Four formidable warships and nearly 1,500 marines will be in Panama for the preservation of peace at the approaching election. By direction of President Roosevelt, orders were issued at the Navy Department today for the dispatch of the two new battleships New Hampshire and Idaho to convey 800 marines, to follow the cruisers Tacoma and Prairie, which are already en route to Colorado, with 300 marines. With the 200 marines already on the coast, this will make a total force of approximately 1,500. The naval transport Buffalo, which carries light guns is being sent to Panama on the west coast, and it is possible that a gunboat will proceed to that point with marines from the Mare Island navy yard. The 800 marines will be taken from each of the navy yards from Norfolk to Portsmouth including those at Washington, Philadelphia, and New York. In order to raise this number each yard will be completely stripped. In fact, one thousand marines will be sent at this time, but all the marines on the Atlantic coast will not total that number.

When the gavel fell in Chicago today, Secretary Taft was in a long distance telephone booth to hear its echoes through the Coliseum. At the same time the telegraph operator in the outer office received the click of his telegraph instrument. Immediately after Cabinet meeting, the secretary retired into his inner office and maintained a silence which was broken only by the phonographic muting of the telephone receiver. In this way he will watch and listen to the entire proceedings of the convention, at least until he hears the shout that is expected to go up when his name is placed in nomination.

At the direction of President Roosevelt Acting Secretary Newberry will investigate the report that adulterated liquors are being sold to marines on the isthmus of Panama. Although these reports are of an indefinite nature, it is understood that there have been several cases of poisoning as a result of the substitution of impure alcohol in the liquor sold at the public houses.

It was learned today that no matter what action is taken by the Chicago convention, Secretary Taft, if coming to president will come out strongly in his letter of acceptance, for a limitation of the injunction on processes of the court. During his speeches during the campaign he will emphasize the need of this limitation. His friends, however, will continue their fight for the anti-injunction platform.

The monitor Florida which has twice been shot up in the interest of naval science was placed out of commission in the Norfolk navy yard today to undergo extensive repairs work made necessary by the various injuries. The work will require some two or three months and a cost of approximately \$25,000.

The election of a Bishop from Washington was today postponed until tomorrow by the Episcopal convention.

THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

Senator Burrows, the temporary presiding officer of the national republican convention at Chicago yesterday sounded the keynote of the campaign in an elaborate speech.

The senator referred briefly to the question of tariff revision, his statement that the revision, if made, would not be such as to extinguish the fire in a single American mill or deny just and adequate protection to American industry and labor, being the signal for applause of his hearers.

He reviewed the party's record and paid tribute to the administration and spoke of the realizable advance under republican rule. He said the marked increase in products and values shows the development and robust condition of the industrial life. He also spoke of the soundness of the country's finances and the mention of the third-term idea was greeted with applause, which was intensified later when he narrated the qualifications desirable in the party candidate.

The struggle that is going on over the adoption of an anti-injunction plank found a place in the proceedings when an outburst of tumultuous cheering greeted Senator Burrows' declaration that "the republican party has no sympathy with that spirit which would divert the courts of the constitutional powers or impair their integrity."

The committee on credentials decided to hear contests, and counsel for the allies decided to submit 110 cases.

The committee on resolutions, with Senator Hopkins as chairman, referred the draft of the platform to a subcommittee.

The following are planks in the platform which up to last night had been agreed upon: The policy of President Roosevelt endorsed; passage of emergency currency bill commended; a revision of the tariff promised; additional financial legislation recommended; establishment of postal savings banks favored; proper control of over monopolies regarded as necessary; disfranchisement amendments condemned; modification of the injunction law recommended; policy of preparedness advocated; a pledge to strengthen the Sherman anti-trust law; a pledge to work for the benefit of labor and the farmer; a promise of continued protection of the negro; an endorsement of the movement for the conservation of natural resources.

The following was the second place in nomination at a late hour last night: Vice President Fairbanks appears to be still favorite in the race, though he says he does not want the place; a boom was started for Governor Cummins, of Iowa, which reached good-sized dimensions, but dwindled toward evening; Dilliver has written a letter urging the renomination of Fairbanks; New York seems to be helpless to secure the nomination of any of her sons. After all, the delegates have their ears to the ground awaiting the word from Washington.

PAN-ANGLO-CONGRESS.

The Pan-Anglo Congress began its business sessions in London yesterday. Seven meetings, all largely attended, were held in different parts of London. Among the subjects discussed were marriage, Christian revelation and similar claims of other religions, the church ministry, the claims on the non-Christian world, the church at work among the settlers in America colonies, the Anglican communion and the duty of the church to the young. Sessions will be held three times a day for a week. The American delegates to the congress are taking a prominent part in the discussions.

News of the Day.

The Pacific fleet of armored cruisers, including the Maryland, is to cruise to Hawaii and Samoa.

The engagement of two young Pittsburgh people, each of whom receive about \$10,000,000, was announced.

Three hundred and fifty fishermen were drowned on the coast of Kagoshima in a storm in which 50 boats were sunk. The governor of the province has sent a request for aid to the navy yard at Sasebo.

Valentine Lesville, a fisherman, was killed, 10 others were hurt and 200 feet in the air and the fishing schooner Alva was wrecked by a gas vapor explosion in her harbor near Gloucester, Mass., yesterday afternoon. It is supposed that the fumes of the gasoline used to operate the engines worked their way up into the fore-cabin and, unable to find a sufficient exit, exploded.

A legal contest to determine the constitutionality of the commodity clauses of the Hepburn act passed by Congress was begun in the U. S. Circuit Court in Philadelphia yesterday when arguments were made in the proceedings instituted by the government to restrain seven coal-carrying railroads from transporting anthracite coal from mines in Pennsylvania in which they are interested to points outside of the State.

Three men attempted to hold up and rob a street car on the outskirts of New Orleans yesterday. As a result Henry O'Dell, one of the bandits, has a bullet wound in the thigh and Ernest Revere, the motorman, is suffering from a similar injury. The three bandits boarded the car, leveled revolvers at the conductor and demanded all the money he had. The conductor sought refuge with the motorman, who grappled with O'Dell. In the fight between the motorman and O'Dell the latter's revolver was discharged twice, and each of the men received a wound. The other two bandits made their escape.

Warren R. Fales, the wealthy Pawtucket manufacturer, who accused his wife, Katherine, of infidelity and named his own son, Leroy Albert Fales, as a co-spendent, obtained a divorce yesterday. An affidavit from young Fales supported the charge, laying the scene of the alleged misconduct in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York, five years ago, when he was 17 years old. Mrs. Fales, who was Katherine Harris, a sprightly chorus girl with Elma May, and counter-charges and denied her guilt. She said last night, while her face was bathed in tears, that she is innocent, penniless and does not know what to do.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

Alumni day on the commencement calendar at the University of Virginia began yesterday with a meeting of the general alumni association, President De Courcy W. Thom, of Baltimore, in the chair. Many reports were submitted and considered, among them being an interesting statement from President Alderman, who is now in Europe, on the subject of the million-dollar endowment which the association is engaged in raising. A plan for an endowment for the association was discussed, and referred to a committee for a special report.

The officers for the ensuing two years were elected as follows: William A. Jones, of Warrenton, Congressman from the First Virginia district, president; Charles Pinckney Jones, of Highland, first vice president; De Courcy W. Thom, of Baltimore, second vice president; Dr. James Morris Page, of the University, secretary; William Allen Perkins, of Charlottesville, treasurer.

The association adjourned at noon to hear the alumni address delivered in Madison Hall, by Col. George Wayne Anderson, of Richmond, who graduated from the Law School in '86. Col. Anderson's subject as announced was, "A System of Philosophy," and his discussion was a brief against certain views declared in an address by the British Ambassador, James Bryce, delivered at the University on last Founders' day, April 18, when the British Ambassador intimated that thoughtful men, at least on the continent, were drawing back from popular government as it has been taught in this country for a century, and are beginning to doubt if the people are capable of political purity, or fit for political power.

The alumni luncheon took place at 2 o'clock, in the University commons, the first use made of the handsome new dining hall. President Thom was toastmaster.

BATHER PARALYZED.

While attempting to escape on Monday from a number of young women who wandered into the swimming pool of the University of Pennsylvania's gymnasium, at Philadelphia, Charles R. Saunders, a student, was stricken with paralysis. He is not expected to recover.

During the outdoor class day exercises Monday a heavy storm broke, and the spectators sought shelter in the gymnasium. Some young women, unacquainted with the building, made their way to the pool. Saunders and some other students were sitting on the ledge of the pool resting, after having performed some fancy diving. When the door suddenly opened and the young women appeared most of the students jumped into the water. Saunders, however, attempted to reach the dressing room. When he gained the top of the steps he slipped and fell to the bottom. He was picked up bleeding and unconscious, and Dr. Lukens declared he had been stricken with paralysis.

Saunders is a resident of Philadelphia, is twenty-one years old, and is a student in the Wharton School of Finance.

LEAGUE BASEBALL GAMES

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.
Washington, 9; Cleveland, 3.
Detroit, 7; Philadelphia, 3.
Chicago, 3; New York, 2.
Boston, 9; St. Louis, 1.

HOW THEY STAND.
W. L. Pct.
Chicago, 31 24 .563 Philadelphia, 24 27 .471
Cleveland, 29 33 .465 New York, 23 27 .461
St. Louis, 29 24 .547 Boston, 25 30 .455
Detroit, 27 24 .528 Washington, 19 32 .375

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.
Philadelphia, 2; Chicago, 1.
Brooklyn, 4; St. Louis, 2.
Cincinnati, 6; Boston, 1.

HOW THEY STAND.
W. L. Pct.
Chicago, 30 17 .632 Philadelphia, 22 25 .468
Pittsburgh, 28 30 .483 Boston, 22 27 .449
Cincinnati, 26 30 .467 St. Louis, 22 31 .415
New York, 24 33 .421 Brooklyn, 17 31 .354

The Market.

Georgetown, D. C., June 17.—Wheat 50-60.

Today's Telegraphic News.

Resisted.

[Special Dispatch to the Alexandria Gazette.]
Richmond, June 17.—Governor Swanson today repelled Lee Strother, a negro, of Madison county, sentenced to be hanged on June 26, to July 24, in order that the executive may look into the matter before him. Strother was convicted in Madison county and sentenced to death upon the charge of having committed an assault upon Miss Lucile Fey, whom he pulled from a horse and kicked May 2nd.

Resignation Accepted.

[Special Dispatch to the Alexandria Gazette.]
Richmond, June 17.—Governor Swanson today received and accepted the resignation of Lieutenant and Surgeon A. A. Ritter, of the second battalion Seventeenth Regiment, Alexandria.

Republican National Convention.

Chicago, June 17.—The following is the convention's programme for today:

9 a. m.—Meeting of the committee on credentials.

10 a. m.—Meeting of sub-committee on resolutions.

10:30 a. m.—Parade of the marching clubs to the convention hall.

Noon.—Second day's session of the convention begins. Business suspended to allow marching clubs to parade through the hall.

Report of the committee on credentials and probable fight over its adoption.

Report of the committee on permanent organization and election of Senator Henry Cabot Lodge as permanent chairman.

Report of the committee on rules and order of business.

Announcement of the personnel of new national committee.

Probable adjournment until tomorrow.

4 p. m.—Meeting of full committee on resolutions.

When the committee on credentials recessed shortly after five o'clock this morning, it had completed its work so far as the actual hearing of the contest as presented to it was concerned, and the Taft contest had not even been shaken. In every instance the original rule as prepared by the national committee had been approved, and it was admitted by the leaders of the "allies" that even though they should not change their minds and should go right ahead and carry their fight to the floor of the convention, they have a strong chance. "The federal people are in control," they declare, "and we cannot even whimper."

When the committeemen assembled today to resume their meeting they said that they expected to be able to get their report ready for presentation to the full committee at one o'clock this afternoon.

It will be determined later today whether the fight shall be transferred to the floor. This will be done by trying to secure the adoption of a minority report drafted by Mayor Charles A. Bookwalter, of Indianapolis, seating each of the 110 contesting delegates.

During the night there was a decision in favor of the men who are the temporary roll which are as follows:

Alabama, 22; Arkansas, 2; Georgia, 4; Kentucky, 8; Mississippi, 10; Missouri, 6; Ohio, 7; Tennessee, 20; Texas, 36. In all of the cases except Missouri a fight was made before the committee, but in every instance without result. The Missouri contestants failed to appear and their cases went by default.

As a matter of fact the "allies" fell down hard before the committee.

Foraker retains the one vote accorded him by the national committee in Ohio by splitting the vote of the delegation from the Sixth Ohio district.

Then there came nearly by a personal encounter in the early morning between Major Bryan and Ormsby McHarg, legal representatives of two opposing factions, before the convention in its argument before the convention to the "gun play" made at the State convention in Mississippi and Georgia against some of the delegates. Bryan objected to his seating in the capacity of a witness, and when he got outside in the lobby he said to McHarg: "I consider that most unprofessional conduct." "What's that?" exclaimed McHarg, and he started for Bryan.

A big policeman stepped between the two men and prevented further hostilities.

Apparently fearing treachery through premature publication, Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor, kept secret the provisions of the labor plank which had been agreed upon by the executive council, right up to the moment when he presented it by invitation to the resolutions committee subcommittee, shortly before noon today.

The plank he offers covers everything, including a strong anti-injunction provision that labor wants at the hands of the republican national resolution committee. Whether or not it is adopted here, it will also be presented to the democratic convention at Denver.

The labor plank adopted by the executive council of the American Federation of Labor, and which President Samuel Gompers presented today to the subcommittee on resolutions of the national convention for insertion in the platform, is as follows:

"The republican party is in accord with the great emancipator, Abraham Lincoln, when he declared that 'labor is prior to and independent of capital.' Capital is only the fruit of labor, and could never have existed if labor had not first existed. Labor is the superior of capital and deserves much more consideration. Through his wise and humane policy the shackles were stricken from the limbs of four million chattel-slaves. The republican party has been the staunch defender of property and property rights, yet it holds and declares that personal rights and human liberty are and must of necessity be entitled to the best and highest consideration.

"Recognizing the new conditions arising from our marvelous industrial development, our people and our nation realize the fact that the wheels of industry and of commerce of our time require that new laws and new conceptions of laws must be enacted to conform to modern industry and commerce and advance freedom in line therewith.

"We therefore pledge the republican party to the enactment of a law by Congress guaranteeing to the wage earners, agriculturalists and horticulturalists of our country, the right of organized effort to the end that such associations or their members shall not be regarded as illegal combinations in restraint of trade.

"We pledge ourselves to the enactment of a law to prohibit the issuance of injunctions in cases arising out of labor disputes, when no labor disputes exist; and that in no case shall an injunction be issued when their existence is proved by the ordinary process of law; and which shall provide that in the procedure for the punishment of contempt shall, when such contempt was not committed in the actual presence of the court, be settled to a trial by jury.

"We pledge the republican party to the enactment of an amendment extending the existing eight-hour law to all government employees and to all workers, whether employed by contract or sub-contract, or doing work for or on behalf of the federal government.

"We pledge the republican party to the enactment of a law by Congress, as far as the federal jurisdiction extends, for a general employees' liability act for injury to body or loss of life of employees.

"We pledge the republican party to the enactment of a law to the extent of federal jurisdiction granting women suffrage and to submit a constitutional amendment for ratification to the vote for the absolute suffrage of women equal with men.

"We pledge the republican party to the enactment of a law creating a department of labor separate from any existing department, with a secretary at its head having a seat in the president's cabinet.

"We pledge the republican party to the enactment of a law for the creation of a federal bureau of mines and mining, preferably under the proposed department of labor, and the appropriation of sufficient funds to thoroughly investigate the cause, so that regulations may be commenced and enacted which will prevent the terrible maiming and loss of life in the mines.

"We pledge the republican party to the enactment of a law for the establishment of United States government postal savings banks."

President Gompers presented his resolutions in person to the sub-committee in the room at the Annex Hotel. In his speech he hit it that if the labor unions were destroyed, if they were to be treated on the same plane as criminal trusts and monopolies, the result might be a revolution.

"We don't want to eat an employer as an appetizer before breakfast and dessert after dinner," he said, "but we want fair treatment and we are going to have it. We don't want anarchism or destroyers of property. We don't represent that idea or thought."

Senator Burrows called the convention to order at 12:19 p. m.

The committee on rules today decided against the resolution of J. Francis Burke, of Pennsylvania, which would reduce southern representation by a vote of 25 to 17.

"I will carry my fight to the floor of the convention," said Burke when he arrived at the Coliseum.

The committee decided in favor of increasing the representation of New Mexico, Arizona and Hawaii from two to six delegates each.

A minority report will be submitted to the convention in favor of the Burke resolution.

At 1:16 Senator Fulton presented the report of the committee on credentials.

The report was adopted seating all delegates who were placed on the temporary roll by the national committee.

At 1:19 the committee on permanent organization reported. It recommended Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, of Massachusetts, be chosen permanent chairman and that all of the other temporary officers be made permanent.

At 1:36 Senator Lodge began his speech as permanent chairman.

When Chairman Lodge mentioned President Roosevelt's name there was a demonstration lasting 49 minutes, a stampede to quit it falling.

Rush For the Steerage.

New York, June 17.—One thousand foreigners eager to return to Europe screamed and waited today on the pier when the Holland-American liner Rotterdam sailed with 2,000 in her steerage. The throng could not be accommodated and almost a riot when they were left behind. When the fare was cut from \$84 to \$22 an army of those who wished to return to Europe bore down on the Potsdam. All day yesterday they came, and before evening the ship's steerage was jammed. Outside was a mob of men, women and children all demanding passage and unable to understand why they could not get aboard. Arrival of the police precipitated a riot, and many of the foreigners were trampled in the crush. A lot of the throng had been pushed back off the pier, hundreds of them camped for the night in Hudson Park, whence they sadly watched the liner's sailing today.

Conditions in Persia.

Teheran, June 17.—The reply of the shah today to the demand of the assembly deputations that waited on him yesterday is so unconciliatory in tone that there is a probability that parliament will be adjourned without further delay. The deputations demanded a promise from the shah that the constitution would be adhered to in the future and the shah made answer that he will continue to rule the country as he sees fit. The attempt at a general uprising is on the wane. As all Russia is demanding of the shah is the maintenance of peace, it is probable that Russian interference will be withheld, regardless of the right or wrong of the shah's cause. The opponents of the shah are rapidly losing heart.

Searching for Assailant.

Middletown, N. Y., June 17.—Posses of deputy sheriffs and farmers today are scouring the woods about Montgomery, Orange county, for the assailant of Mrs. J. M. McVoy, who was almost killed in her home near that town.

Her skull was battered in and one ear nearly torn off. In a conclusive moment she declared a Swede, "August," whose other name is not known and who had formerly been in her husband's employ, was the man who attacked her. Mrs. McVoy is likely to die.

Report Denied.

Berlin, June 17.—A denial was issued today of the report that Emperor William intends to pay a visit to the Sultan of Turkey with a view of enlisting that country's support in an effort to thwart the proposed alliance between England, Russia, and France. It is believed that the Kaiser is working along these lines, and it is probable that some sort of understanding will be arrived at by means of intermediaries.

Machine Will Pay the Loss.

Pittsburg, June 17.—Forced to disgorge by threats of exposure, it is said that the Sixty-rep machine here will repay the \$2,000,000 lost to the city and State by the failure of the Allegheny National Bank. Mayor Geo. W. Gaithe, of Pittsburg, and State Treasurer Shear, of Pennsylvania, have been informed by the counsel of Wm. M. Montgomery, cashier of the wrecked bank, that the money would be forthcoming at once.

Higher Prices for Meats.

New York, June 17.—Further advances in the price of dressed meats here are prophesied by agents of the big packers, who declare beef will sell for 15 to 17 cents within a week.

Retail dealers say the packers are taking advantage of the Kansas floods to boost prices to the new high levels.

Croker's Horse Loses.

London, June 17.—Richard Croker's Rhodora, the favorite, was beaten today in the race for the Ascot Biennial Stakes. While Eagle won 1 taking the event. The conditions were against Rhodora, the track being heavy.

New York Stock Market.

New York, June 17.—The market opening change in prices were slight, with gains in the majority. While the market was somewhat less active, at the first hour the underlines were firm.

EPISCOPAL HIGH SCHOOL.

The joint final celebration of the Fairfax and Blackford Literary Societies of the Episcopal High School of Virginia was held last night at Lyggett Hall. The president of the Fairfax Society is Andrew Jackson May, Jr., of Tazewell county, and the president of the Blackford Society, J. Bruce McClelland, Jr., of Texas. The programme was as follows: Prayer; address of welcome by the president of the Fairfax Society; presentation of the B. L. S. declaimer's medal, to Channing W. Daniel, of Richmond; declamation, the death of Robespierre; presentation of the F. L. S. declaimer's medal, to John R. Lums, Jr., of Maryland; recitation, the Tellus Hero; presentation of the B. L. S. reader's medal, to James G. Wheeler, of Kentucky; presentation of the F. L. S. declaimer's medal, to Mann Page, of Colorado; presentation of the B. L. S. declaimer's medal, to Robert Taylor, Jr., of Maryland; presentation of the F. L. S. reader's medal, to Hugh M. Nelson, Jr., of Clarke county; presentation of the trophy for superiority in the dual contest, May 11, in reading, declamation and debate of the Fairfax over the Blackford Society for 1907-08, joint valedictory address, by James G. Wheeler, of Kentucky; final dismissal of the audience by the president of the Blackford Society.

The programme was interspersed with music and a large audience attended the celebration.

The commencement exercises of the sixty-ninth year of the High School were held at Lyggett Hall this evening at 8 o'clock.

The programme was as follows: Prayer; delivery of certificates; presentation of prizes; reading at sight, second prize, Channing W. Daniel, of Richmond; first prize, James G. Wheeler, of Kentucky; for reading, second prize, John R. Lums, Jr., of Maryland; first prize, Edwin C. Doubleday, of New York; for declamation, second prize, Channing W. Daniel, of Richmond; first prize, Hugh M. Nelson, Jr., of Clarke county; for scholarship, white prize, Laurence Minor Blackford, Jr., of Fairfax county; Gordon Lloyd Carter, of Alexandria; Peyton Randolph Harris, of Harrisonburg; D. B. Stewart Lancaster, of Richmond; Robert Kinloch Messie, Jr., of Fairfax county; James Bruce McClelland, Jr., of Texas; William Summer Applegate, of Shanghai; Spottwood Welford Randolph, of Illinois; Frank Robinson Reside, of Fairfax county; Frank Watson Rogers, of Surry county, and James Guthrie Wheeler, of Kentucky. John prize, Francis Rawle Pemberton, Jr., of New York, and Charles Carter Randolph, Jr., of Campbell county. Meade prize, John Rose Lums, Jr., of Baltimore. Reading and declamation, John R. Lums, Jr., read How the Larks Stakes were Lost; Channing W. Daniel declaimed Rieck's Address to the Romans; Edwin C. Doubleday read in the Wrong Room; Hugh M. Nelson, Jr., declaimed Irish Aliens and English Victories. Presentation of medals: Randolph, Fairfax, memorial prize medal for excellence in general scholarship, to John Rose Lums, Jr., of Baltimore, Md.; Robert Taylor, Jr., of Maryland, for excellence in English composition, to James